

Traffic

Did you know that it can take over an hour to get from Kalihi to Waipahu when there's traffic? Without traffic, it takes about 27 min. to get to Waipahu. Getting home from school everyday is really difficult because of all the traffic that we encounter. If I try to do my homework I get car sick, so I can't really get anything done. And I can't move around, I'm just stuck waiting.

Honolulu is ranked 3rd in the country for traffic (Time, 2013). As Hawaii deals with this problem, people who live far away have problems dropping their child to school or getting to work on time. Parents also have a hard time driving back from a long day only to face two or three hour ride home from work. This also means their children have to wait a while to get their homework done.

If this problem continues, people in the future will have more issues commuting to work and school which will eat into the hours left for studies and sleep. People will suffer if this problem isn't solved. Kids will suffer from this as they would have less time to get homework done before sleep. This will affect the kids of tomorrow to have less time to study and lower grades all because of this gridlock.

We could help this problem by adding Respite Centers, which could be at schools or libraries where kids and parents could stay until the traffic dies down. These centers, will help kids use the time they would spend in traffic for homework and their studies. This will also allow parents the time needed to be with their child. When car drivers are diverted off the road to the Respite Centers, fewer cars will allow traffic to run more

smoothly. This center will solve problems for parents and kids who live far from their workplace/school.

This problem reminds me of Clarence T.C. Ching because he started out with a rough life, but when he became successful he wanted to improve his community. He was a humble person who through his efforts, worked to make Hawaii a better place. We are also reminded that he put in hard work to do his best and we should also do what it takes to help solve traffic problems in Hawaii.

As this traffic problem continues, we should find ways to make our time useful instead of being stuck in traffic. As we crack these problems, we will see kids able to tackle their homework problems and reach their educational goals in a place dedicated to their future.